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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) to respond to the Office action mailed December 27, 2007.

Please charge the \$120.00 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800. An extra copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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